

Eastern Transportation Planning Region

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022

Opening

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region as called to order at 10:05am on September 12, 2022 in Akron, Colorado by Scott Weaver, Chairman.

Roll Call / Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Correction to date of ETPR meeting for September 12, 2022 was announced by Scott Weaver, Chairman. Commissioner Steve Burgess requested the addition of road usage under the Community Roundtable portion of the agenda. Commissioner Trent Bushner moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Tony Wells seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on June 13, 2022 were approved unanimously by motion made by Commissioner Doug Stone and seconded by Commissioner Gerald Roberts.

Discussion Items

Outline of TPR roles and responsibilities, Scott Weaver, Chairman.

CDOT Transportation Commission Report was given by Commissioner Gary Beedy.

SB21-260

Greenhouse Gas

STAC update was presented by Chris Richardson, Co-Chair.

Action Items

Appointing an Administration of the ETPR. Commissioner Tom Timm moved and Commissioner Doug Stone seconded to appoint Yuma County as the regional administrator of the Eastern TPR. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kent Vance requested a review of the current ETPR IGA and bylaws at the December meeting.

Informational Items

Transportation Commissioner Gary Beedy presented CDOT updates including greenhouse gas work, the adoption of DRCOG and UFR plans adopted this month for greenhouse gas reductions. Beedy reported no regionally significant projects for the ETPR. Beedy reported work on identifying increased funding for preventative maintenance and system preservation including potential future gas tax increases and legislative work on identifying funding flexibility. Beedy clarified that federal funds are not available for preventative maintenance on interstates, only for reconstruction and recommended the ETPR consider preservation of the existing interstate system in the regional plan. Beedy also spoke to staffing issues in CDOT's Mountain Region and encouraged more active participation during public comments at STAC meetings.

Commissioner Richardson provided STAC updates including the completion of the first 4 years of the current 10-year plan. Commissioner Weaver discussed the discrepancies between required project specifications for CDOT projects versus County projects. Clarification was offered regarding the ability to request a variance application to FHWA standards for local projects.

Local project managers were notified they could contact CDOT for local/state projects that are held to federal standards to request the variance.

Suggestions were made to host a meet & greet to encourage city management involvement at ETPR meetings.

Obtaining Certificate of Participation agreements from city offices.

Community Roundtable

Commissioner Steve Burgess recommended including all regional projects in the Community Roundtable discussion for tracking and follow-up updates.

Commissioner Trent Bushner discussed an observed inefficiency of mowing operations seen on Highway 61 with two employees being assigned to mowing operations with only one engaged in the conduction of mowing. Commissioner Bushner offered suggestions to increase efficiency such as having the second operator doing weed whacking around delineator posts.

Commissioner Tom Timm inquired as to why the plant was removed from Highway 14 at the resolution of the original project and then another 2.7 miles was subsequently adding to the project, requiring remobilization of assets. Commissioner Timm suggested more efficiency in asset mobilization to make best use of project inputs. Commissioner Steve Burgess expressed a similar concern on a recent project on Highway 71.

Commissioner Kent Vance expressed continued concern over the safety of the bridge on Highway 34 just east of Platner.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm by Scott Weaver, Chairman. The next quarterly meeting will be in-person at 10:00am on December 5, 2022 in Limon, Colorado with the possible option of virtual.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by: